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PRELIMINARY GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE TULE PEAK QUADRANGLE, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

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Base map: U.S. Geological Survey Tule Peak 7.5' Quadrangle, 1980 Digital Raster Graphic (DRG)

typically 0.5 to more than 3 m thick. Stream Channel Deposits of Winnemuccca Valley

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whereas farger clasts are dominantly volcanic rocks. Surface is generally smoothed with up to a few centimeters thick, eolian silt cap, but broad, typically 60 cm thick.

Alluvial terrace deposits (latest Pleistocene to earliest replaced by hematite. Surface is smooth, relatively flat, and locally the same stratigraphic position as QTc. moderately dissected. Soils range from cambics and weak argillic E horizons to mollic epipedons, where the surface is wet from springs and **Pyramid Sequence** meadow environments. Deposits are up to 4 m thick. Diatomaceous earth likely originated from the high stand of Lake Lahontan. Alluvial Fans of Dogskin Mountain (SW corner of quadrangle)

enerally non-indurated, poorly to moderately stratified, moderately abundant in the northwest part of the map area. Coarse sedimentary Rhyolite Group sorted, matrix-supported deposits with angular to subangular clasts that rocks become more abundant southward and are particularly thick and

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parts; generally weakly to moderately indurated, poorly to moderately appears to have been detached from the underlying section of ash-flow quadrangle. Thickness is as much as 20 m. stratified, moderately sorted, matrix-supported deposits with angular to tuffs, megabreccia, and rhyodacite lavas and tuffs, possibly along several subangular clasts that are dominantly granitic in composition. Surfaces gentle to moderately dipping décollements. are smoothed to slightly irregular, and are moderately to well dissected. are smoothed to slightly irregular, and are moderately to well dissected. Soils are typically A/Bt/Bca/Cox/C profiles, where argillic horizons (Bca) are intermittent, but with up to stage III CO₃ development, and on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of, in order of decreasing abundance, plagts, flattend on the vertisolic nature of the southeastern corner of the quadrangle. The full containing phenocrysts of and estimation of andersite on the vertisolic nature of andersite on the ve of the argillic horizon. Deposits are as much as 4 m thick.

at the base of cliffs or steep slopes of resistant Oligocene welded tuffs (e.g., Th) and sequences of Miocene basaltic andesite lavas (Tpb). Store stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typically consist of minor stripes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typical on talus slopes are typical on talus slopes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typical on talus slopes are typical on talus slopes are typical on talus slopes. Deposits typical on talus slopes are typical on talus typical on talus slopes are typical on talus slopes are typical on talus typical on t angular and subangular cobbles and boulders and are clast supported. Thickness is generally less than 3 m. Conglomerate separate the lower (Tpml) and upper (Tpmu) dacitic tuffs of Mullen Pass. Massive tuff contains punice to 40 cm in diameter, is

to nearby cliffs. Thickness is as much as 4 to 5 m.

composed of local bedrock, particularly basaltic andesite lava 2mm). Maximum thickness is ~40 m. of the Pyramid sequence. Clasts range from silt to large blocks, up to 15 m in diameter. Probably as much as 20 m thick. Original headwall scarp is unrecognizable or nearly so. Lower tuff of Mullen Pass Dark-gray to black, poorly densely welded, dacitic ash-flow tuff, similar to the upper tuff

of fans. Clasts are ubiquitously volcanic rocks, mostly felsic and mafic. welded zones, 3 to 4 m thick, are sandwiched between poorly welded diameter. Some of the rhyodacite-rhyolite, especially in the lowermost including conspicuous porphyritic andesite with large phenocrysts Surfaces commonly have bar-and-swale topography and include active distributive portions of fans. Soils are typically nonexistent, but some A/C is more sparsely porphyritic than the matrix is a prominent constituent in the clasts of intermediate composition range from typically consist of bouldery rubble of rhyodacite and rhyolite. Tbd crops a few centimeters to 4 m in diameter. Mafic constituents within the clasts profiles exist where thin (<3-cm thick) exist and solution with a profile set of the tight of th fan deposits. Qa1 are alluvial deposits that are commonly stream composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Composed of basaltic andesite (Tpb?) and porphyritic felsic volcanic terraces. Compos

moderately well- to well-developed interlocking pavements. Clasts on surfaces are commonly iron-stained or covered with moderately scoriaceous and oxidized and rarely crop out. developed rock varnish. Soils typically have A/Bw/Bca/C profiles with eolian silt caps (A) up to 10 cm thick, colored cambic (Bw) horizons with continuity than do porphyritic flows. One sequence of flows just east of as rock avalanches induced by slumping and catastrophic failure of as much as 60 m in a large paleochannel exposed between some clay up to 30 cm thick, and discontinuous calcic horizons (Bca) with stage I CO₃ development. Deposits are commonly 0.5 to 3 m thick. Qfy_2 are alluvial fan deposits. Qa_2 are massive to moderately-stratified, rearby volcanic center. Phenocrysts (generally <5%): olivine (0-5\% ≤1 has yielded an $^{40}Ar/^{39}Ar$ date of 24.91±0.06 Ma. Thickness is as much as non-indurated to moderately indurated, locally pebbly, medium- to fine- mm; commonly partly altered to iddingsite). Groundmass consist of 120 m. The properties and provide the deposits. Carbonate deposits and includes carbonate laminae up to 3 min, commonly be up at y attered to doublight). For the upper 30 cm of the deposits and includes carbonate laminae up to 3 minerals. Some flows along the crest of the range are nearly flat-lying and appear to rest in angular unconformity above more steeply tilted weakly-stratified, rhyolitic, tuffaceous, cobbly, pebbly, fine-sandy, fine-sandy, stratified, rhyolitic, tuffaceous, cobbly, pebbly, fine-sandy, stratified, rhyolitic, tuf moderately sorted, stream terrace deposits.

a thin veneer of Qfy1 gravels overlying Qfy2 deposits.

Qfi Alluvial fan deposits (early to mid Pleistocene) Bouldery, cobbly, to pebbly coarse to fine sands. Non-indurated to weakly indurated, moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clastsupported deposits with dominantly angular to subangular class, with some subrounded class. Class are dominantly volcanic rock, with some granitic rocks near the central stream channel of Winnemucca Valley. Surfaces are generally eroded with moderately developed pavements, subture they locality in the central and norther parts of the quadrangle. Massive, resistant interiors make rounded, rubbly outcrops, whereas scoriaceous upper and lower breccias rarely crop out. Individual flows are mostly 10 to 30 m thick and can terminate abruptly. Surfaces are generally eroded with moderately developed pavements, littered with weakly to moderately varnished cobbles and boulders. Soils suggesting they locally filled paleovalleys. Phenocrysts (15-25%): massive to thickly flow banded. Trix marginal breccia is developed along pumice fragments are not common. Tws₄ locally consists of multiple typically have A/Bt/Bca/C profiles. Argillic horizons (Bt) are reddened, commonly well structured, and up to 50 cm thick. Calcic horizons are 0.1-1mm). Matrix consists of plagioclase, olivine, clinopyroxene, olivine, clinopyroxene, particularly thick. Intrusion of the domes locally induced steep tilting of and directly south of Hardscrabble Creek. In both areas, Tws₄ probably discontinuous and variable, but locally have up to stage III CO3 opaques, and variably altered, interstitial glass.

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Tws₄ grades into poorly exposed nonwelded tuff in derived from nearby exposures of Tpc. The deposit includes both sheets the southeastern part of the quadrangle. Axelrod (1956) assigned the of megabreccia and unconsolidated, poorly sorted, matrix-supported for metrix-supported for metrix supported for metrix supported for metrix support of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. Age: the megabreccia deposits to the megabreccia deposits to the south and west of the domes. 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Age: the megabreccia deposite to the domes and th conglomerate. It probably originated as both rock avalanches and debris flows. The deposit is confined to a relatively narrow paleocanyon on the aleotopography on the underlying Oligocene-Miocene volcanic rocks southwest flank of the Virginia Mountains, which is currently being exhumed by a modern drainage. Most of the material was probably faulting shortly before or during deposition of the Pyramid sequence. Oligocene Ash-Flow Tuffs exhumed by a modern drainage. Most of the material was probably derived from a prominent butte (elevation 1916 m) situated about 0.5 km northwest of the current northernmost extent of the deposit. A small bench on the southeast side of the butte represents a possible point thick. The bench. The bench is butte represented by the butte represented by the butte may have produced the butte may have produced the butte may have produced the bench. 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locally weakly indurated by calcareous cement. Matrix is typically coarse diameter. Finer deposits include well-bedded, more moderately sorted sand and composed of subangular grains of volcanic lithic fragments, feldspar, and lesser quartz. Most of this deposit probably originated as debris flows. Thickness may locally exceed 20 m.

metasedimentary rock occur in some deposits. Surfaces range from source area consisting of mafic volcanic centers and/or thick sequences smooth to irregular and commonly have active portions. In some cases, of mafic lavas. The conglomerate is complexly interbedded with the fans, but exposures of the deposits are not common. Thickness may exposure, may locally include thin basaltic andesite lavas and diatomite locally exceed 20 m.

The informally named Pyramid sequence (Bonham and Papke, 1969) largely altered to chlorite. The dikes generally range from 1 to 4 m in consists of aphyric to finely porphyritic basaltic andesite lava (Tpb), width and are commonly elliptically shaped (i.e., thickness decreases 20% white pumice to 15 cm long. Lithic fragments, most abundant in the coarsely porphyritic basaltic andesite lava (Tpp), conglomerate, breccia, sandstone, and other clastic rocks dominated by clasts of lava (Tpc), toward dike tips). Uranium mineralization is associated with some of the dikes cut units as young as the tuff and elser quartzite and indurated shale. Thickness is about 80 m or Alluvial fan deposits (mid to late Holocene) Cobbly, pebbly, coarse sands with isolated boulders in proximal parts; diatomite (Tpd), and dacitic (Tpmu, Tpml) to rhyolitic? (Tpmm) tuff. These rocks are complexly interbedded. Mafic lavas become more sorted, matrix-supported deposits with angular to subangular to subangul and adjacent areas in the Sutcliffe and Moses Rock Quadrangles to the 1999), which lies directly south of the Tule Peak Qaudrangle. Small 24.91±0.06 Ma, sanidine, 24.91±0.06 Ma, sanidine, clast in megabreccia. Quadrangle (Garside and others, 1999). Alluvial fan deposits (latest Pleistocene to early east and southeast, respectively (Castor and others, 1999). In most of isolated intrusions are also found as far west as the Paiute Canyon area.

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A nonwelded top may have been present but is not preserved in the Tule upper part locally weathers into bouldery rubble and is difficult to thickness and welding because it filled paleovalleys cut into underlying Peak Quadrangle. Preserved thickness is about 40 m. The pumice is up to 40 cm long and 5 cm thick and makes up 10% to as much as 50% of **Obg** inducted monolithologic brecks can light bounded to a many and the whole rock. Small (s1cm) fragments of basaltic andexise (TpP) are suggesting a genetic relationship with the nearby rhyolite domes. The whole rock stant stant many and the whole rock. Small (s1cm) fragments of basaltic andexise (TpP) are suggesting a genetic relationship with the nearby rhyolite domes. The whole rock stant stant many and the whole rock. Small (s1cm) fragments of basaltic andexise (TpP) are as suggesting a genetic relationship with the nearby rhyolite domes. The densely welded part is mostly welded p consists of smaller (ragments of granite (Vertur) as much as 6 m. $\leq 1\%$, $\leq 1-2mm$), hornblende (<1%, $\leq 0.5mm$), and opaques ($\leq 1\%$, $\leq 0.5mm$), biotite m rock avalanche deposit. Thickness is as much as 6 m. Alluvial Deposits of the Virginia Mountains d is m the south as the first metric in the line of the south as the first metric in the line of the south as the first metric in the line of the south as the first metric in the line of the south as the metric in the line of the south as the metric in the line of the south as the metric in the line of the south as the line of the south as the metric in the line of the south as the line of the south as the metric in the line of the south as the line

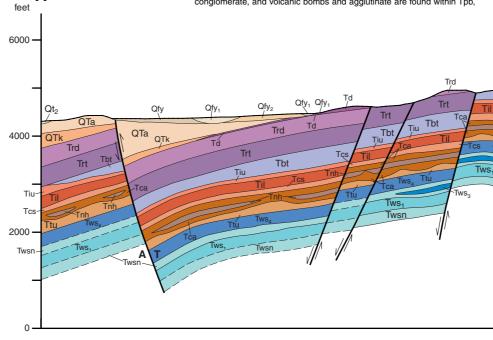
nonwelded, and mostly glassy, and may be a coarse, proximal air-fall bebles within a reworked tuffaceous matrix, and locally includes petrified deposit. Bedded tuff is planar to cross bedded, contains pumice up to 5 wood. Clasts are entirely volcanic and range up to 25 cm in diameter. **Qrf** angular blocks ranging up to several meters in length and containing little, if any, matrix. In all cases, these deposits occur proximal common lithic fragments of porphyritic silicic volcanic rocks and aphyric more resistant unit typically forms slopes between the more resistant basalt (probably Tpb). Conglemente consists of moderately rounded clasts of basaltic andesite (probably Tpb). Pumice phenocrysts (10%): an overlying megabreccia unit between Incandescent and Mine Canyons an overlying megabreccia unit between Incandescent and Mine Canyons Landslide deposits Coarse, unconsolidated debris plagioclase (5%, 2mm), hornblende (2%, 1-4mm), and biotite (2%, 1- trend north-northeast. This unit is largely confined to the south-central commonly lumped with Ttu in areas of poor exposure. Phenocrysts (5-

Tpmu) but less abundantly porphyritic, underlies the middle tuff of and stratigraphic positions. Thickness is a smuch as 120 m. Alluvial fan and stream terrace deposits (mid to late Holocene) Bouldery, cobbly, to pebbly coarse to fine sands. Non-indurated to weakly indurated, moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated, moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- supported deposits with non-indurated to weakly indurated moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- supported deposits with non-indurated moderately stratified, matrix-supported deposits and each of and solated blocks of tuff (e.g., poorly class are generally subangular and poorly sorted, matrix-supported deposits and each of and solated blocks of tuff (e.g., poorly class are generally subangular and poorly sorted, matrix-supported deposits and each of and solated blocks of tuff (e.g., poorly class are generally subangular and poorly class are generally subangular and poorly sorted, matrix-supported class subangular clasts; some clasts are subrounded in distal parts to 50 m and two cooling units directly to the east, where two densely Tcs). Clasts range from several centimeters to several meters (>4 m) in typically consist of andesite, basaltic andesite, and lesser daci biotite. Equivalent to member 5 of the Pyramid Formation of McJannet

Qfy Undifferentiated alluvial fan deposits (latest Pleistocene to late Holocene) Mixed Qfy₁ and Qfy₂ deposits, commonly pape, 1969). Thickness of individual units is as much as 250 m, quartz and lacking sanidine) indicate the dikes are more mafic variations are typically less than 200 m in length. Thickness is as much as 7 m.

Fanglomerate of basaltic andesite Pebbly to bouldery fans sandstone. Clasts are subangular to subrounded and generally oxides. Accessory minerals include titanomagnetite, apatite, and zircon. that typically form at the base of steep slopes and are dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb). Surfaces range from volcanic rock occur throughout the map area but become more common dominated by clasts of basaltic and basalt smooth to irregular and commonly have active portions. In some cases, well-developed argillic horizons are present, especially near the base of the used for the province of t the fans. Exposures are generally poor, but can locally be found in the conglomerate locally includes lenses of fine- to coarse-grained cutbanks of washes. The rare exposures reveal light-gray to pale-brown, sandstone as much as 8 cm thick; sand grains are subangular to above the white, slope forming Til and beneath the jumbled megabreccia. matrix- to locally clast-supported, poorly to locally moderately sorted, poorly to locally moderately sorted, subrounded and consist mainly of volcanic lithics and feldspar. Tpc is noncalcareous and weakly to moderately indurated. Beds range from a 2 m in length. Clasts of basaltic andesite (Tpb) dominate all exposures, few centimeters to a more than 1 m thick. Thicker more massive beds are tuff of Gary's Ridge (H.F. Bonham, oral commun., 1998). Sanidine has cm in length. The basal nonwelded zone is typically less than 3 m thick put clasts of conglomerate (Tpc), andesite (Ta), and welded tuffs occur in generally unsorted and probably originated as debris flows. They contain yielded an ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar date of 24.74±0.06 Ma. Thickness is as much as 50 m. and was locally lumped with Twsn. Although not particularly thick, Tws some deposits. Ofb is generally nonindurated but older deposits are mostly basaltic andesite clasts, commonly up to 1 m and rarely to 2 m in the north-central part of the map area to the west of Hardscrabble Cree conglomerate in the lower part of the Pyramid sequence locally include Undifferentiated Quaternary fanglomerates Small- to clast-supported beds with well rounded pebbles and cobbles of volcani medium-size fans that typically form along the base of steep rock (basaltic andesite and welded tuff) as much as 20 cm long, as well sopes. Bouldery, cobbly, pebbly sand deposits that are typically clast-supported and dominated by subangular and angular clasts. Clasts are to 30 cm thick. The finer-grained units probably originated as sheetflood ⁿ derived from local sources and, thus, are almost ubiquitously Tertiary volcanic rock; however, rare clasts of Cretaceous granite or Mesozoic for the bulk of Tpc. The composition of the fans further implies a nearby

well-developed argillic horizons are present, especially near the base of sequences of basaltic andesite lavas and diatomite and, in areas of poo The thickest and best exposed sections of conglomerate are found in the rugged terrain between Paiute Canyon on the west and the crest of the irginia Mountains on the east. The conglomerate appears to coarsen to the northwest concomitant with an increase in basaltic andesite lavas Just east of Paiute Canyon along the northern fringe of the map area cobble- to boulder-size clasts become more common in th nglomerate, and volcanic bombs and agglutinate are found within Tpl



(andesine), hornblende (mainly oxyhornblende), augite, ±hypersthene, as 5 m.

constituent of megabreccia.

whereas the cumulative thickness in the north-central part of the map area exceeds 350 m. of the rhyolitic domes. Phenocrysts (10-25%; interiors of dikes are generally more abundantly porphyritic): plagioclase (8-20%; 1-10 mm), biotite (1-3%; 1-3 mm), hornblende (1-2%; 1-5 mm), and quartz (<1%, 1-

Active alluvium Recently to annually active alluvium consisting of cobble-pebble gravels and sands in washes, Carse alluvial deposit consisting mostly of clasts from the Pyramid parts of the map area, centimeter to kilometer-scale folds are locally well grav or pinkish-gray nonwelded ash-flow tuff that contains 15-

Between Incandescent and Mine Canvons. Ttu beneath Tca has few phenocrysts and more abundant biotite than that overlying Tca. Ttu ranges from ABW/C to ABt/Bca/C profiles with colored cambic or weak argillic horizons 20 to 50 cm thick. Calcic horizons (Bca) are nonexistent to weakly developed (up to stage II CO₃ development). Deposits are up to 4 m thick. The Pyramid sequence is locally folded and highly titled (dips locally to 4 m thick. The Pyramid sequence is locally folded and highly titled (dips locally to 4 m thick. The Pyramid sequence is locally folded and highly titled (dips locally to 4 m thick. The Pyramid sequence is locally folded and highly titled (dips locally to 4 m thick. The Pyramid sequence is locally folded and highly titled (dips locally to 4 m thick. The Pyramid sequence is locally folded and highly titled (dips locally to 4 m thick. The Pyramid Lake and warm Springs Valley fault zones, ancient mega-landslides, or deposition petrified wood, especially between Tcs and Tnh. Ttu locally includes thin (< 1 m thick) intercalated conglomerate layers that contain subrounded to Trd Rhyodacite lava and welded tuff Light-gray, locally weathering to pale- brown, rhyodacite(?) lavas and welded tuff units and wel

Undifferentiated Quaternary colluvium and talus Small-12.7 Ma (no ± reported), plagioclase K/Ar, (Evernden and James, 1964). to medium-size colluvial and talus slopes generally developed as the further to Member 7 of the Pyramid Formation of McJannet (1957). part of the map area, where it thickens southward across several south-15%): sanidine (3-8%; 1-2mm), anorthoclase (2-6%; 1-2mm), plagioclase

Tca, which also contain clasts of andesite and siltstone. Clasts are Alluvial fan and stream terrace deposits (latest Pleistocene to early Holocene) Bouldery, cobly, to pebly coarse to fine sands. Non-indurated to weakly indurated, moderately stratified, poorly sorted, matrix- and clast-supported deposits with angular to subangular clasts; some to any expression and stream terrace deposits with angular to subangular clasts; some algebra corresponded in some of these suits. In upper Mine Canyon, a subtract algebra corresponded in some of these suits of andesite and situation. Clasts are megabreccia composed primarily of blocks of welded ash-flow tuff and minor rhyolite-rhyodacite. Blocks of the tuff of Chimney Spring (Tcs) dominate the megabreccia, but clasts of the Nine Hill Tuff (Tnh) and algebra corresponded in gale cohannels cut into Ttu. This and the outper means to tuff and may include a black paleosol. Tca was primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and Tcs were also primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and Tcs were also primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and Tcs were also primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and Tcs were also primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and Tcs were also primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and Tcs were also primarily deposited in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and the correspondence in paleochannels cut into Ttu. This and the correspondence in the c

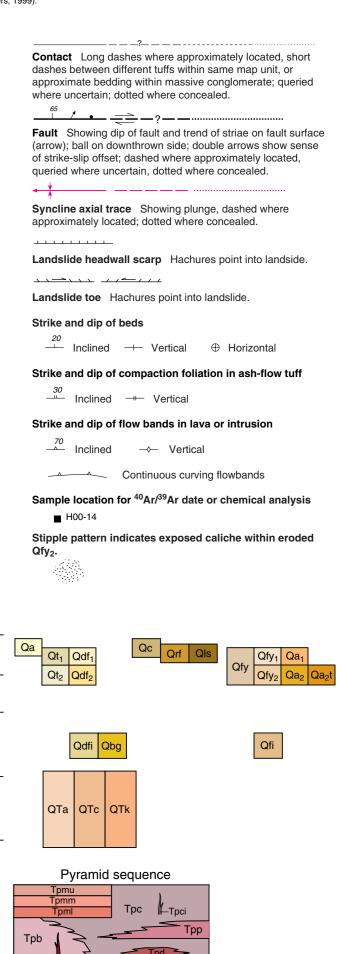
area coincided with deposition of the Pyramid sequence. Age: 15.6±2.4 Ma, whole rock, K/Ar, from sample near the base of the Pyramid for as much as 300 m. Their distribution and petrographic character gray to white nonwelded tuff. This unit is not laterally extensive; outcrops

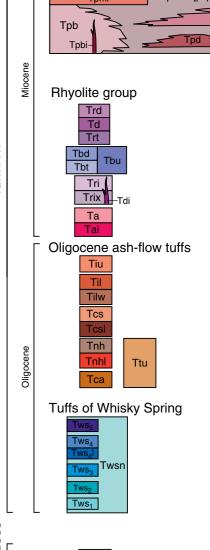
Welded tuff of Whisky Spring White to pale-brown, pinkishor purplish-gray, and reddish-brown, weakly to moderate elded ash-flow tuff that contains 15 to 30% phenocrysts of plagioclase (calcic oligoclase and sodic andesine, 7-15%, up o 3 mm long), sanidine (4-12%, up to 3 mm long), biotite (1-7%, up to the ash-flow tuffs. Several bodies appear to be laccoliths, probably fed by dikes, that intruded most commonly at the base of the Nine Hill Tuff. One characterizes Tws₄ directly west of Mine Canyon. Exposures in the Megabreccia and fanglomerate of Pyramid sequence Diatomite forms discontinuous layers mostly low in the diatomite forms discontinuous layers mostly low in the tuff along its southern edge. Phenocrysts (~30the other welded tuffs of Whisky Spring. This unit may partly correlate with the tuff of Coyote Spring of Garside and others (1999). Age:

> crops out over much of the map area. The ubiquitous reddish col higher degree of welding, fewer phenocrysts, relative abundance of sanidine versus plagioclase, and less biotite distinguish Tws₃ from Tws₄. Age: ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar on sanidine, 29.73±0.07 Ma. Thickness is as much as 15 m.

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bically with boulder in proximal reaches. Clasts are generally submounded to rounded, but subangular clasts are locally common. The submounded and up to 1 manual submounded and submounded and up to 1 manual submounde main channel that crosses Winnemuca Ranch Road contains pebby sands with anastomosing braided bar and swales. These deposits are Silicic rocks comprise about 10% of clasts in the southeasternmost in the northern part of the map area may correlate with the tuffs of Mullen contains up to 20% white pumice fragments. The lower part of Til locally titanomagnetite (~1%) and apatite. This tuff is not particularly thick or carson City-Silver City area, Nevada: U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 1457-D, occurrences and decrease in abundance to the northwest. Matrix of the Pass. Thickness of individual units is as much as 175 m, whereas the includes the upper nonwelded part of Tcs. Minor unconformities appear widespread. It pinches out northward in the lower Mine Canyon area. deposit is nowhere exposed. Contacts with underlying units (QTc and QTk) suggest the deposit dips moderately southwest, away from the 350 m. 35Alluvial terrace deposits (mid to late Holocen) and pebbly coarse to medium sands, dominantly poorled, but locally clast supported, but locally clast supported, but locally clast supported, but locally clast supported, medium-grained sand deposits up to 10 cm thick. Clasts are generally subrounded to rounded, although some subangular clasts exist. Sands and small pebbles are dominantly granitic cocks, where as a dominantly granitic cocks, and area supported in width. A thick dike cutting sand southeastern Oregon—possible sites for actually be the matrix of the deposit. Age of the unit is uncertain but clasts exist. Sands and small pebbles are dominantly granitic cocks, where as a formation area compared to rounded, although some subangular clasts exist. 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Bedding is thin, parallel, wavy with some cross-bedded, and convolute sedimentary structures and some minor where the break termentary structures and some minor where the termentary structures and s wery thin beds intercalated with overlying sands. Clasts are well-to poorly-sorted and subanylar to subrounded. Sands are up to 99% granitic, whereas pebbles are dominantly volcanic rocks. 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Twsn, at least locally, includes the poorly No. 2, 132 p. (andesine); and augite, hornblende, and lesser plagioclase (andesine) (all in order of decreasing abundance). Mafic constituents are partly to Swisher, C.C., III, 1992 40 Ar/39 Ar dating and its application to the calibration of the North American land mammal ages: [Ph.D. dissertation], University California, Berkeley, 239 p. slightly more where it occupies paleovalleys that were not completely filled by Nine Hill Tuff (Tnh). The overall tuff and densely welded part may thin slightly northwestward. **Tesl** The lower, poorly welded part was mapped locally where particularly thick, especially in and west of Paiute





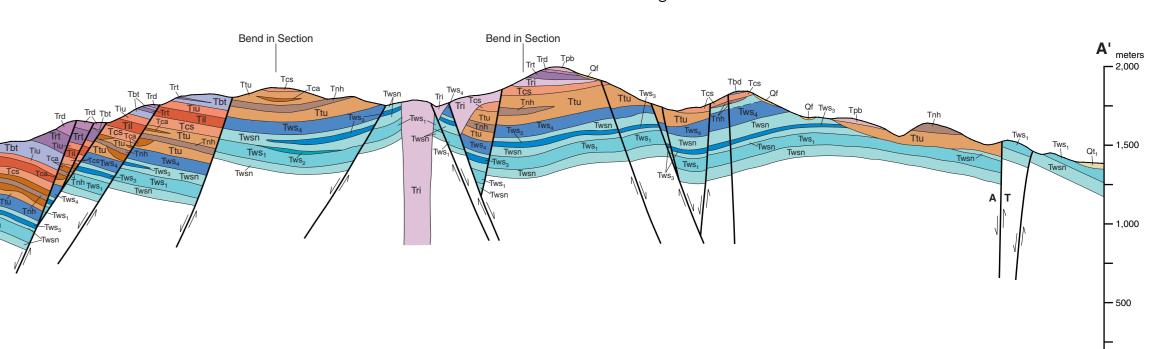
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